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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	NO. CR-20-249 RS
)	[FILED JUNE 22, 2020]
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
ROWLAND MARCUS ANDRADE,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	NO. CR-23-140 JD
)	[FILED MAY 9, 2023]
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	NOTICE OF RELATED CASE IN A CRIMINAL
)	ACTION
JAPHETH DILLMAN,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

The United States of America, pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 8-1, hereby notifies the Court that the two above-captioned criminal cases are related. The two cases involve interrelated

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cryptocurrency fraud schemes. Several of the same witnesses and some of the same evidence will be presented at the trials in both cases. Further, Defendant Japheth Dillman is involved in both cases and his conduct likely will be at issue in both trials.

United States v. Andrade, Case No. 20-cr-249 RS, involves material misstatements surrounding the promotion, solicitation, and sale of the purported cryptocurrency, “AML Bitcoin.” Japheth Dillman, the defendant in Case No. 23-cr-140 JD, was involved in the development and promotion of AML Bitcoin and at times was described as the Chief Strategy Officer of AML Bitcoin. Further, part of the fraud charged in Case No. 23-cr-140 JD involved Dillman investing in AML Bitcoin, hiding that investment from Dillman’s investors, and Dillman obtaining the above-referenced position within AML Bitcoin, which he used to market AML Bitcoin and sell their tokens in furtherance of the charged AML Bitcoin fraud scheme. In addition, the government expects several of the same witnesses to testify in both cases about similar, interrelated matters relevant to both alleged fraud schemes. Moreover, *United States v. Dillman*, Case No. 23-cr-140 JD, arose out of the investigation resulting in the charges handed down in Case No. 20-cr-249 RS. In addition to both cases involving several of the same witnesses, the discovery in both cases is overlapping and much of the same evidence will be introduced in both trials.

Based upon these facts, the cases are related within the meaning of Local Rule 8-1(b)(1) because they involve the same defendant and some of the same events and occurrences. Furthermore, the cases are related within the meaning of Local Rule 8-1(b)(2) because, if heard by separate judges, the actions likely would involve substantial duplication of labor by the two judges.

Per the requirement of Local Criminal Rule 8-1(c)(4), government counsel states that assignment of these cases to a single judge is likely to conserve judicial resources and promote an efficient determination of each action.

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